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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH RELATIONS WITH GRVN AND DRV

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1. MFA OFFICIAL CONFIDED TO EMBASSY OFFICER JULY 1
THAT FONMIN WOULD ANNOUNCE JULY 14 ITINERARY THAT
WOULD TAKE FONMIN TO SEVERAL ASIAN CAPITALS INCLUDING
HANOI IN AUGUST.

2. THIS REVELATION CAME FROM MFA OFFICIAL ONLY AFTER
CONVOLUTED CONVERSATION WHICH SEEMED TO ADD UP TO AN
APPEAL FOR US TO PERSUADE SAIGON TO ANNOUNCE RECOGNITION
OF BDG BEFORE JULY 14.

3. LOGIC (OR ILLOGIC) OF MFA OFFICIAL RAN SOMETHING
LIKE THIS: SAIGON HAD INQUIRED AGAIN THROUGH BRITISH
IN LONDON WHETHER GRVN RECOGNITION WOULD "EMBARRASS"
BDG. BDG WAS IN PROCESS OF RESPONDING AGAIN AS IT HAD
LAST YEAR THAT QUESTION
OF EMBARRASSMENT DOES NOT ARISE
SINCE RECOGNITION DOES NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY ESTABLISH-
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MENT OF DIPLOMATICRELATIONS. BDG COULD RESPOND BY

RECOGNIZING "STATE OF SOUTH VIETNAM" WITHOUT SPECIFYING
GRVN OR PRG AS LEGITIMATE REGIME. IF SAIGON
RECOGNITION COULD BE RECEIVED BEFORE JULY 14 THEN
ANNOUNCEMENT OF BDG FONMIN'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO HANOI
WOULD SEEM LESS A DIVERGENCE FROM BDG'S "UNALIGNED"
POSTURE.

4. THIS EMBASSY HAS COME TO SURMISE THAT ENTIRE EXERCISE
IN "DROPPING-THE-HANDKERCHIEF" TO SAIGON WAS DESIGNED
TO REASSURE USG THAT FONMIN'S VISIT TO HANOI DID NOT
CONSTITUTE TAKING SIDES. SAME MFA OFFICIAL WENT TO
SOME PAINS TO ASSURE EMBASSY THAT BDG WOULD NOT
RECOGNIZE EITHER OF "RIVAL REGIMES" IN CAMBODIA.

5. OTHER COUNTRIES ON FOMIN'S ASIAN ITINERARY ARE
BURMA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA. STOPOVER IN
THAILAND WILL BE UNOFFICIAL BECAUSE RTG HAD NOT RE-
CIPROCATED LAST YEAR'S VISIT TO BANGKOK BY BDG FONMIN
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